GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3951
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2002
RECOMMENDATION OF GEETA KRISHNAN COMMITTEE
PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any recommendation had been given by Geeta-Krishnan Committee to abolish the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission;

(b) if so, the body by which the MRTP Commission is likely to be replaced;

(c) if not, the areas in which the Commission can operate and the number of cases disposed of till March, 31,2002 since the inception of MRTP; and

(d) the number of cases pending with the Commission?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (c) The Expenditure Reforms Commission under the Chairmanship of Shri K. P. Geethakrishnan has not specifically examined the Department of Company Affairs which is the administrative Department for Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices (MRTP) Commission. However, the Government has introduced the Competition Bill - 2001 in the Lok Sabha on 06.08.2001 which, inter-alia, provides for repeal of MRTP Act, 1969 and for setting up an adjudicating relief machinery by way of a Competition Commission of India (CCI), which would be a Quasi-Judicial body. Since inception, the MRTP Commission has disposed of 21,865 cases.

(d) The total number of cases pending with the MRTP Commission as on 31.03.2002 was 2553.